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what's different

about this problem ?



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STARTER: A meteorological balloon has a volume of 6.0m^3 when at ground level where the temperature is 293K . The gas in it is at atmospheric pressure $1.0 \times 10^5\text{Pa}$. The balloon rises to a height where the pressure has fallen to $4.4 \times 10^4\text{Pa}$ and the temperature to 257K . Calculate the volume of the balloon at this height.

Kilo 10^3

Hint: Draw a before and after diagram

Mega 10^6

Hint: Try to combine the 3 gas law into one.

Giga 10^9



Key
point

Combining the gas laws...

constant = $\frac{pV}{T}$

T

$$\frac{p_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{p_2 V_2}{T_2}$$

T_1

T_2

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ACTIVITY: Try **question 4** using this combined relationship.

$$\frac{p_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{p_2 V_2}{T_2}$$

Kilo 10^3 Try Q1-3 first...

Mega 10^6

Giga 10^9

Ex: A fixed mass of gas has a volume of 200cm³ at a temperature of 57C and pressure of 780mm of mercury. Find its volume at STP (0C and 760mm of mercury)



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$$\frac{p_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{p_2 V_2}{T_2}$$

$$\frac{2.5 \times 10^5 \times 14}{280} = \frac{1.0 \times 10^5 \times V_2}{293} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

$$V_2 = \frac{2.5 \times 10^5 \times 14 \times 293}{280 \times 1.0 \times 10^5} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

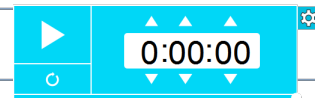
$$= 36.625 \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

$$V_2 = 37 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ (to two significant figures)} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

(4 marks)

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Equation of state for an ideal gas



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$$\text{constant} = \frac{pV}{T}$$

T

$$\text{constant} = \frac{pV}{T} = nR$$

T

$$pV = nRT$$

p - Pressure / Pa

V - Volume / m³

T - **Absolute** temperature / K

n - Number of moles **mol**

R - Molar gas constant (8.31)

Ex: What is the unit for the molar gas constant?

Ans: Jmol⁻¹K⁻¹

$$R = \frac{pV}{nT}$$

$$\frac{\text{Nm}^{-2}\text{m}^3}{\text{mol K}} = \frac{\text{Pa m}^3}{\text{mol K}}$$

$$\left(\frac{\text{kgms}^{-2}\text{m}^{-2}\text{m}^3}{\text{kgm}^2\text{s}^{-2}} \right) \text{mol}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$$

Example 1.

A 3.5m³ pressurised container contains 425 moles of gas at 25.0°C.

Calculate the pressure of the gas inside the container.



Step 1: Convert the temperature into kelvin.

$$25.0^\circ\text{C} = 298 \text{ K}$$

Step 2: Select the equation you need and rearrange it to make the pressure the subject.

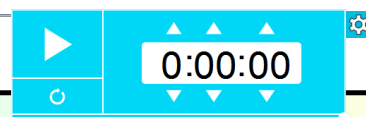
$$pV = nRT, \text{ hence } p = \frac{nRT}{V}$$

Substitute in known values and calculating the pressure of the gas inside the container.

$$p = \frac{425 \times 8.31 \times 298}{3.50} = 3.00 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa (3 s.f.)}$$

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ACTIVITY 1: Complete the summary **questions 5-7** on P292.

ACTIVITY 2: Q 8 and 9 on worksheet 7.

ACTIVITY 3: Complete Ex18.2 in 'Lowe'

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Mega 10^6

Giga 10^9



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Plenary



- A rigid cylinder of volume 0.030 m^3 holds 4.0 g of air. The molar mass of air is about 29 g .
 - a Calculate the pressure exerted by the air when its temperature is 34°C . [4]
 - b What is the temperature of the gas in degrees Celsius when the pressure is *twice* your value from part a? [4]



Key
point

- a $PV = nRT$ [1]
- $n = \frac{4.0}{29} = 0.138 \text{ moles}$ [1]
- $P = \frac{nRT}{V} = \frac{0.138 \times 8.31 \times (273 + 34)}{0.030}$ [1]
- $P = 1.17 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa} \approx 1.2 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa} (12 \text{ kPa})$ [1]
- b $\frac{P}{T}$ is constant when the volume of the gas is constant. [1]
- The pressure is doubled, hence the absolute temperature of the gas is also doubled. [1]
- Therefore:
 temperature = $2 \times (273 + 34) = 614 \text{ K}$ [1]
 temperature in $^\circ\text{C} = 614 - 273 = 341^\circ\text{C} \approx 340^\circ\text{C}$ [1]